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1845-1920

828-814 S. Charles St. (West side)
Baltimore, Md.

Private and semi-public access

This side of the 800 block of S. Charles St. is essentially commercial in character, with the early houses on the block having been replaced by a 1920's-era department store (now Stark's furniture and appliance store) at 816-826 S. Charles St. and other later, modern warehouse buildings. The only surviving early house on the block is 814 S. Charles St., a small two story, two bay wide brick house with gable roof that was built about 1845. Stark's furniture store is three stories in height and five double bays wide, constructed in yellow glazed brick with geometric, Art-Deco influenced trim set in contrasting colors. At 828 S. Charles St. there is a three story high, three bay wide building with shed roof and bracketed cornice that was built to serve a combination residential/commercial use but now serves only as storage space for a local piano company.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Stark's Furniture

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

816-826 S. Charles St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

☒ COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story high, ten bay wide brick building with flat roof has long served as a local furniture/department store. The first floor area has been converted into a modern store-front.

The building is three stories in height, about 100' wide, and runs back on its lot about 150'. The main section of the building is four bays deep, followed by a three story high, six bay deep section and a later two story high section that extends back to the end of the lot. The building is constructed in brown brick laid in running bond. The roof is flat, except for the stepped parapet marking the central two bays of the facade. The facade is divided into five main sections by wide brick piers that extend from the base of the building to the roofline. Each main section is divided into two narrower sections divided by narrower brick piers running the full length of the building. The cornice line is marked by slightly recessed panels set above each bay, and formed by the brick piers. The central two bays of the facade are the focus of the design. The roofline rises in a stepped parapet capped by simple stone moldings and the entire area of brickwork between the third floor windows with their stepped brick lintels is decorated by brown and grey bricks laid in a diamond pattern. Within each recessed panel above the other windows, there is also decoratively laid brickwork, as there is above each upper window lintel.

The windows in each bay are arranged in pairs of a lower, tall rectangular pane set beneath a small upper pane. The panes are fixed. Originally some form of paneled area separated the second from the third floor window areas but this panel has been boarded over. The overall window design is capped by a wide, low segmental arch with a stone keystone which surmounts both panes of the pair. This arch is bordered along its underside with a low, pointed arch tympanum which gives the facade a more modern effect. As stated above the brickwork directly above the lintels is laid in a decorative pattern. The area above the arched lintels on the central two windows has decorative brickwork laid in a diamond pattern which terminates at its lower edge, above each window, in a stepped brick design which echoes that of the roof parapet above.

The first floor area of the facade has been converted into a modern store-front with centrally located glass and aluminum doors flanked by wide plate glass shop windows set on aluminum bases. Two stone columns support the projecting entrance canopy. A tall, flat aluminum sign area extends across the entire width of the facade, hiding the lower area of the second story windows. The entrance is reached by a wide stone step which extends across the entire entryway.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1920's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is important as representing one of the early department/furniture stores that was built in the area as this section of S. Charles St. became more and more commercial in the early years of this century. The facade appears to be a 1920's remodeling of an earlier building, or perhaps several buildings and it seems likely that a number of Victorian buildings were combined with a new facade added to create the present structure. The appearance of the facade represents the influence of the Art-Deco style in the central section with its stepped parapet and decorative brickwork, but otherwise the building follows the patterns of the new modernistic, commercial style with its paired windows and flat brick piers articulating the bays of the facade.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

5/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

Maryland 21204

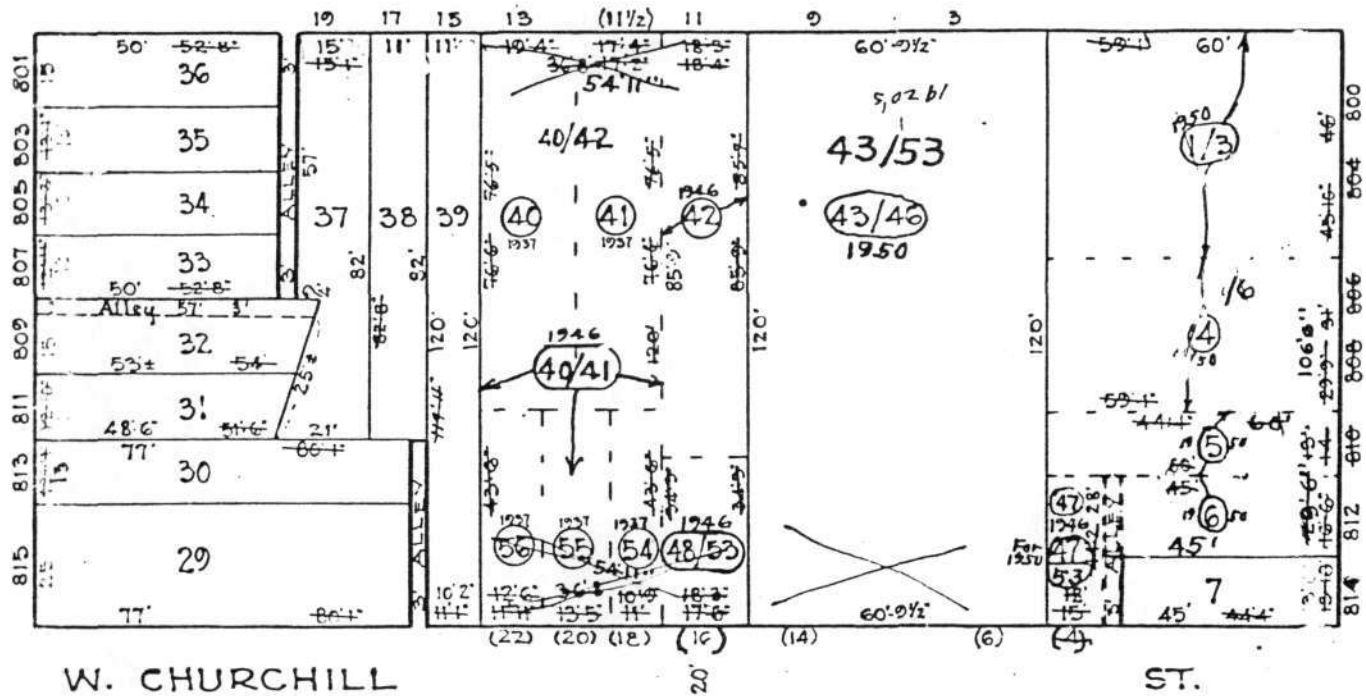
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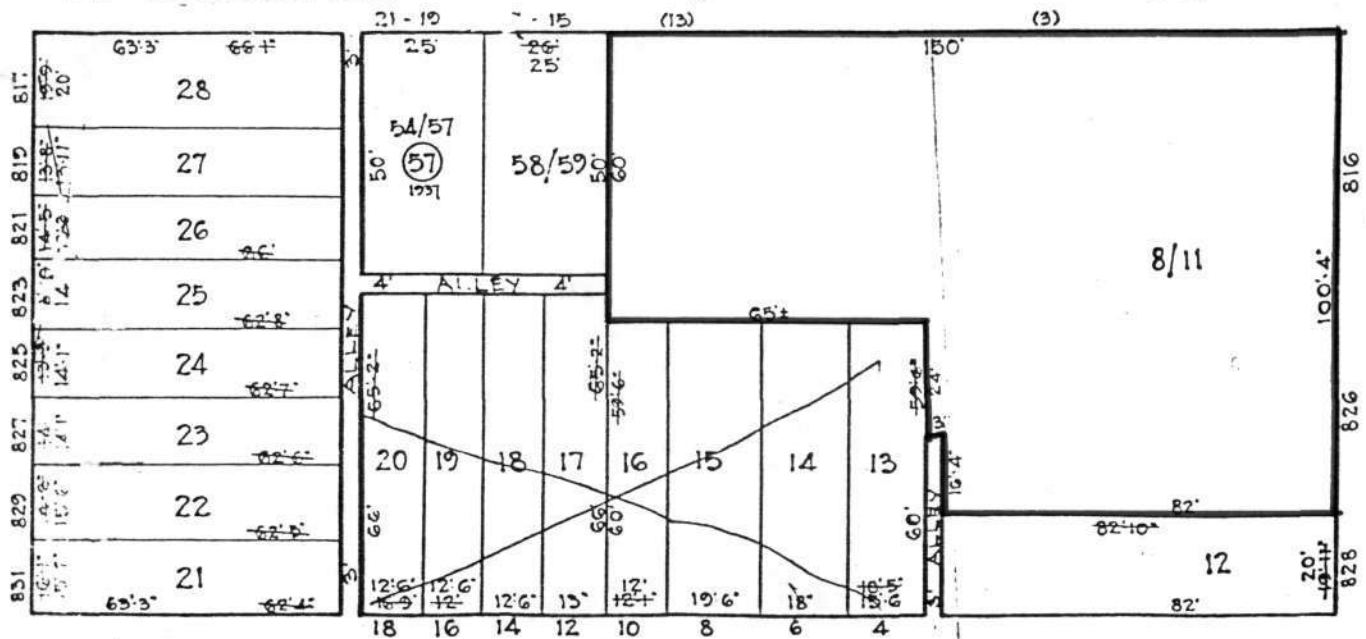


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S. CHARLES

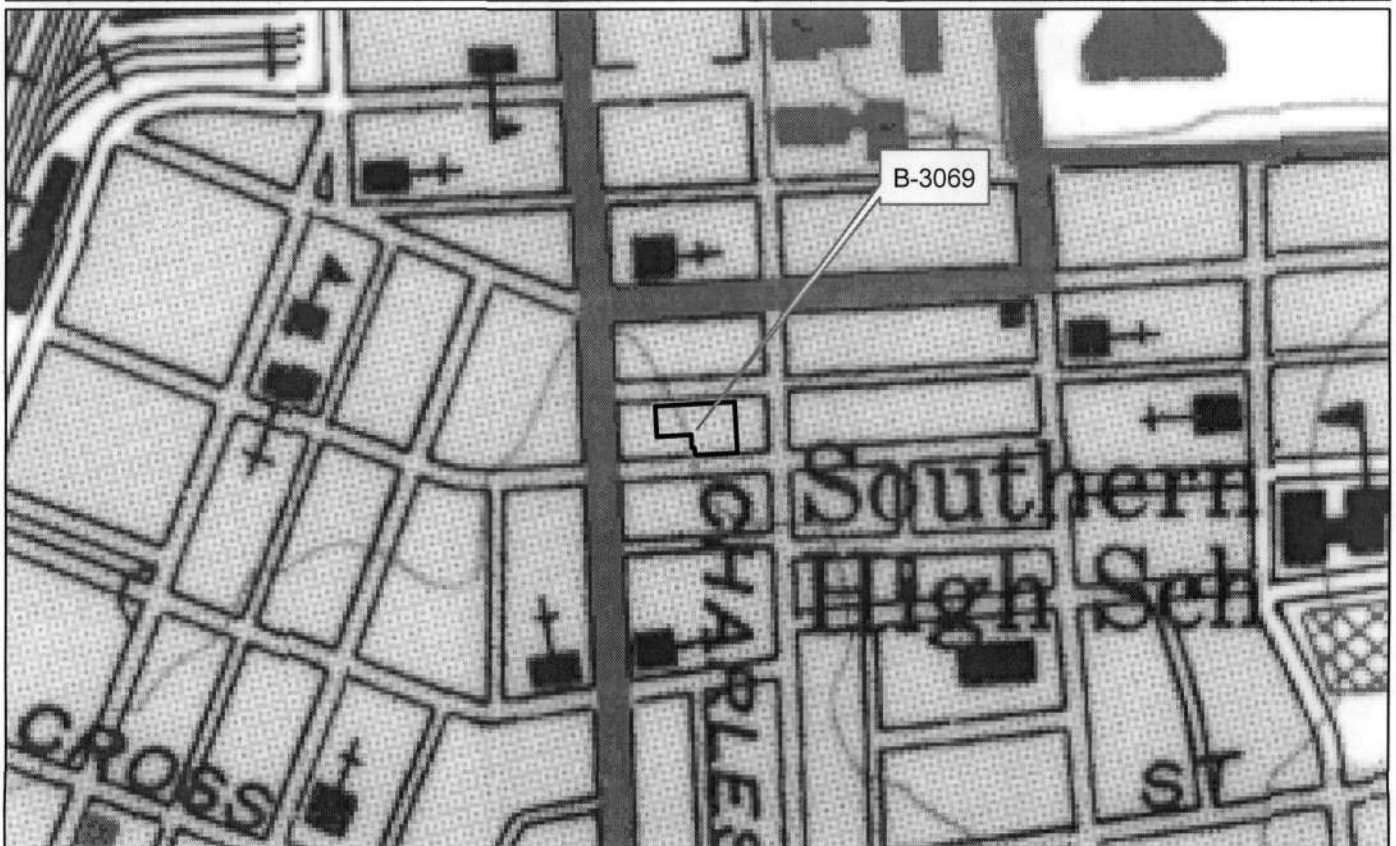
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ST.

Demolished

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816-826 S. Charles Street
Block N/A Lots N/A
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.



FURNITURE STARK'S APPLIANCES

OPEN

San Slavic
Furniture



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816-826 S. Charles St.

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East elevation